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CURRENT TOPICS.

A SINGULAR freak of nature in Mercer county, Kentucky, is a cherry tree in full bloom.

FIVE persons have been burned to death in forest fires along the Canada Atlantic railroad.

TWO wealthy Hebrews of Bagdad now own all that remains of the ancient town of Babylon.

THE course pursued by the French in Egypt and west Africa is causing England much concern.

FARMERS near Centralia, Ill., claim the screw worms are causing deaths among their cattle, sheep and hogs.

ENDLESS leather belts, acting as moving staircases, convey the patrons of a large Parisian store from one floor to another.

A RICHMOND (Va.) woman has been put under \$300 bond in police court for being a common scold, under an old-time law.

NEARLY every man, woman and child in Egypt is a smoker of cigarettes and a pipe is hardly ever seen in the mouth of a native.

WALKER FRANKLIN, of Hopkins county, Kentucky, owns a coat which his great-grandfather wore at his marriage in 1809.

THE United Typothetis of America at Nashville adopted a resolution favoring arbitration for the settlement of labor troubles.

IT is a mistake to suppose that stone houses are the most durable. A well-constructed brick house will outlast one built of granite.

THE government has issued invitations to foreign countries to participate in the fishery congress to be held at Tampa, Fla., in January, 1898.

"It is estimated," says the Baltimore American, "that there will be invested in new mills, additions and repairs in the south this year fully \$15,000,000."

SAMUEL ANDREW GIBBONS, an old Georgia Negro, claims to be 140 years old, and says he remembers the revolution and the meteoric shower of 1833.

MISS ELLA R. NORRIS has entered the law class of the South Carolina college at Columbia. She is the first woman in the state to inaugurate the innovation.

FIFTY-one metals are now known to exist, 30 of which have been discovered within the present century. Four hundred years ago only seven were known.

A GERMAN authority states that from the beginning of the present century the 735 castles, formerly the homes of warlike chiefs, are to be found overlooking its waters.

PRESIDENT HARTER, of the University of Chicago, says that any member of the football team caught in the act of forgetting that he is a gentleman will be expelled.

IT is claimed by an electrical expert that every locomotive in Scotland could be run by electricity, generated by the water power now going to waste in Scotland streams.

"Hoxons of war" is the privilege allowed to the enemy on capitulation of being permitted to retain their arms. This is the highest honor a victor can pay a vanquished foe.

PRINCE RISMARCK, it appears, is now an enthusiastic admirer of the bicycle. He approves of women riding and regrets that he is too old and stiff to take part in the sport himself.

THE bicycle, as well as the Bible, now forms a part of the missionary's outfit. It is said that four-fifths of the departing missionaries take the wheel with them when they go abroad.

THERE are between 28,000 and 30,000 students in the different colleges of the University of Paris, several times as many as are found in any other educational institution in the world.

PATENT 92,406 in the German Patent Record is: "Fraulein Elfrida Latkiewicz apparatus for keeping the cheeks full. This apparatus is worn in the mouth and is fastened to the jaw."

MISS SHUNZI NARUSE is a Japanese woman studying medicine in a New York hospital. She has been trained in Japanese hospitals, but came to this country to study American methods.

MRS. SARAH TERRY, aged 105 years, but bright and active, entertained her friends at a birthday party at her home in Philadelphia the other day, and was as merry as the youngest of her guests.

REPORTS from the Memphis cotton district show a damage of 13 1/2 per cent to the crop by drought. The section affected includes north Mississippi, north Louisiana, Arkansas and west Tennessee.

THE contract has been let for the construction of a monument to the late Senator Vance, to be erected in Court square, at Asheville, N. C. The shaft will be 25 feet high, will be built of granite and will cost \$2,753.

THE Massachusetts bureau of statistics has lately published a report showing that there are 70,780 more women than men in Massachusetts, 27,000 of this excess being women between the ages of 20 and 29, the most marriageable period.

A SPECIAL session of the evangelical consistory of the province of East Prussia has passed an almost unanimous vote of censure against the emperor because he has broken the Sunday rest law by hunting in the forest of Rominten.

GERMANY imports \$5,000,000 worth of goods yearly. Of this Austria-Hungary furnishes \$1,800,000 worth, Switzerland \$800,000, France \$700,000, Holland and Grand Britain \$400,000 each, Russia, \$750,000, the United States \$100,000 and other countries \$500,000.

KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

BRIDE WENT INSANE

After the Wedding, and Now She Must Go to an Asylum.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 16.—A sad case came to light Friday morning in the criminal court when an inquest was held to pass upon the mental condition of Mrs. Katie Mohlenkamp. She was not brought into court Mrs. Mohlenkamp, who is 23 years old, was married August 20 to Ben Mohlenkamp, a well-known man of the East End.

They went on the day of their marriage to Mohlenkamp's home, and on the following day Mrs. Mohlenkamp began to exhibit signs of insanity. Her condition has been growing gradually worse.

The physicians are of the opinion that her insanity was superinduced by the excitement of marriage. Her sister has been in the asylum twice. The jury which heard the case declared her to be of unsound mind. She was taken to the asylum.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

A Six-Inch Hole in His Abdomen But the Boy Still Lives.

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky., Oct. 16.—John Thompson, the 15-year-old son of George Thompson, of Pinchen, this county, suffered a most horrible accident Friday afternoon. Starting hunting he dropped his gun and the entire load of No. 5 shot entered his bowels, tearing a hole six inches long and allowing the whole abdominal contents to protrude. Drs. Kavanagh, Lillard and Davis were summoned. The boy was put on an improvised operating table and kept there three hours. Six inches of intestine were removed. At the end of the ordeal the boy was alive. There is no case on record from which a recovery was made.

Man Murdered in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 15.—At 11 o'clock Thursday night the police found the body of O. B. Pumphrey, who was three years ago a candidate for clerk of the city, lying in an alley in the East End. There was a large hole in the back of Pumphrey's head, which the coroner decided caused his death. That official, after an investigation, reached the conclusion that Pumphrey was murdered. The man's clothes had been rifled and there was evidence of a struggle on the spot where he was found. The police have a clew to Pumphrey's murderer and hope to land him soon.

Brutal Act of a Negro Woman.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Oct. 15.—A fever of intense excitement was created here Thursday over the brutal act of a Negro woman in an attempt to burn to death a white woman named Mrs. Brents McKelvy. The Negro woman entered the McKelvy homestead and demanded of Mrs. McKelvy her jewelry and money. Upon her refusal to give up her valuables the black virago threw Mrs. McKelvy across a red hot stove and held her until she received probably fatal burns. The Negress then made her escape.

The Prisoners Brought Back.

NEWPORT, Ky., Oct. 14.—Sheriff Plummer and his five deputies arrived in Newport at 8 a. m. Wednesday from Maysville with the 11 men who had been taken to the jail of Mason county, Kentucky, for fear that a mob might avenge the assault by the 19 men on Mrs. Thomas Gleason a week ago. The men were brought back in order that they may be within the county during the investigation of the assault by the grand jury, which convened Wednesday.

McCreary Not a Candidate for Senator.

RICHMOND, Ky., Oct. 18.—Hon. James B. McCreary denies the published report that he will be a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Lindsay. He has no aspirations at all along this line at present. The general opinion among politicians of this district is that he desires to again represent the Eighth district in congress, and he is believed to be now laying his plans to capture the nomination.

Colored Girl With a Mania.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 16.—Frank Meyers, eight years old, son of Corporal Meyers, was on his way home from school Friday when Bertha Locust, a colored girl, without provocation, plunged a knife into his cheek just below the eye. Meyers may lose his eye. This is the third case of the sort reported against the girl, who seems to have a mania for assaulting little white boys.

Suddenly Expired.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—Miss Ellen Carothers, a wealthy lady 58 years of age, was sitting at the table at her home near Lafayette, in her usual health, when she suddenly fell to the floor and expired.

New Kentucky Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Olga Kirkpatrick was commissioned postmaster at Burlington, Boone county, Ky., Friday, vice Dudley Rouse, removed.

Will Investigate Chair Factory Contract.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 14.—Assistant Adjutant General Forrester will investigate the prison chair factory contract on his own account.

Diphtheria in Bell County.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Oct. 14.—Diphtheria is reported prevalent in this county, and there is considerable excitement.

A Strike at Hecla Mines.

EARLINGTON, Ky., Oct. 14.—The miners of the Hecla Coal Co. are out on a strike. They claim unjust weight.

EIGHT CAR LOADS

Of Fast Horses Arrive at the Track of the Louisville Driving and Fair Association.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—Eight car loads of horses, the fastest harness performers to be found in America, have arrived at the track of the Louisville Driving and Fair association from Lexington, Ky. There are now quartered at the track nearly 400 horses, and 200 more are expected to arrive Monday. S. R. Bowne, the driver of Robert J. and John R. Gentry, said Monday night that he would drive Gentry in the match race next Friday and that Ed Geers would drive Robert J. The two great pacers will pace the best three in five heats. Mr. Bowne was out at the track Saturday afternoon and exercised his charges both as a team and separately. They were not given any fast work, however. All day the track was alive with horses who were sent around for quarter and halves at a lively clip. All the horsemen agreed that the track was in splendid condition and they predicted a remarkably successful meeting if it did not rain, as happened last year.

A DECISION

Handed Down by the Court of Appeals Which Knocks Out a Misconstruction of an Old Opinion in the Local Ordinance Law.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 16.—In the court of appeals Friday morning Chief Justice Lewis handed down an opinion which knocks out the sensational construction that was put on an old opinion, and by which it was thought most of the local opinion towns of the state had become "wet" on September 28 last. He virtually holds that all these are as "dry" as they ever were. The opinion is in the case of Stamper vs. the Commonwealth from Carter county.

It explains the old opinion of Judge Hazlerigg, which, he says, did not mean that all these old local acts would stand repealed September 28, but that on that day the penalties provided in all these local acts must become uniform. This uniform penalty is now in existence, he says, and consists of a fine of from \$100 to \$200 for each violation of these local acts which do not otherwise conflict with the constitution and which are still in force.

A FARMER

Assassinated Near Louisville by Three Unknown Men.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—Henry R. Kurfer, a farmer, was assassinated Sunday night by three unknown men. His head and face were filled with shot and he is expected to die at any moment. Kurfer was returning home from church. His farm is on the river road six miles out. As he drove into his front pasture, a wagon driven by a white man rushed up. Three men jumped out and made toward Kurfer. One was armed with a shotgun. He raised his gun and fired at Kurfer. Seeing their victim fall, the assassins sprang into their wagon and escaped.

WHY CUT FEES.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 18.—The court of appeals decided that county attorneys were not entitled to 25 per cent of the amount of forfeited bail bonds, as under the old law, but were only entitled to 25 per cent of actual fines assessed against criminals, as provided by the act of 1893, which left out the word "forfeitures" that was in the old law. This will greatly reduce the fees of county attorneys in Jefferson, Campbell, Kenton and Fayette counties.

The Way He Fixed His Cravat.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—William Winston, a Boston traveling man, was robbed of a \$500 diamond pin at the Tenth street station Sunday. Winston was greeted by a man he thought was a New York friend. The fellow told Winston his tie was disarranged and fixed it for him, and a few moments later Winston missed his pin. The thief escaped.

Congressman McCreary for Senator.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 15.—Ex-Congressman McCreary, of Richmond, who served on the international monetary conference by appointment of President Cleveland, but who has since developed into a free silver leader, will, it is said, be a candidate to succeed Senator Lindsay. Ex-Senator Blackburn is also a candidate.

A Moonshiner's Still Destroyed.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 18.—Internal revenue agents captured James Peyton while he was working at his moonshine still in Morgan county, early Friday morning. The officers destroyed the still and took Peyton to West Liberty, where he was placed under \$250 bond.

Blasting Rocks on the Ohio Falls.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—The dangerous rocks in the chutes around the Ohio falls are now a thing of the past and navigation will no longer be obstructed. Eight hundred blasts were made Sunday and the rocks by the ton were torn from the bottom of the river.

Amby's Remarkable Performance.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 18.—Amby trotted a heat here Thursday against time in 2:16 1/2, which is probably the fastest mile made by a two-year-old stallion this year, but is six seconds slower than the record for colts of this age.

Four Men Seriously Hurt.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 18.—While boring a well near Cobb, Ky., the boiler exploded, seriously injuring W. H. Graham and three of his hands. The damage to the boiler and outfit amounted to \$1,000.

FIVE DEATHS

From Yellow Fever at New Orleans Monday.—This Makes 100 Deaths Out of a Total of Less Than 900 Cases.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 19.—Before seven o'clock Monday evening the 100 mark of deaths during the present period of yellow fever prevalence had been reached. When the board of health closed its books Sunday night there had been 93 fatal cases. Between Sunday night and nightfall Monday seven deaths were reported. This century of deaths has occurred as among less than 900 cases that have been reported to the board since early in September when the first case made its appearance in New Orleans. As usual, however, Monday's record has been swelled by the terrible criminal neglect of the poorer classes. The record Monday was by no means reassuring. Early Monday evening the new cases exceeded 30 and the deaths had reached seven and therefore the greatest number of deaths on a single day has been nine. The cases, as on other days, have bobbed up in all directions. The quarantine system is still in effect, but it does not seem to restrain the spread of the infection and the opinion seems to be born out that yellow fever is not at all contagious but atmospherically infectious.

Two lives might have been saved if any attempt had been made to give the patients attention. Early Monday morning Coroner Lemmonnier found the dead body of Pepino Goralofa in a house on Burgundy street. The body was lying on the floor and those in the place said that the man had gone to bed and rolled out upon the floor in a stupor. It took Dr. Lemmonnier about two minutes to decide that the man had died from a genuine case of yellow fever, and a subsequent autopsy confirmed the doctor's hasty diagnosis. The body was immediately buried. Later on during the day the coroner was called to view the body of Antonio Barrone. The coroner at once diagnosed the case as also one of yellow fever. Both of these cases had been absolutely concealed from the authorities and had died without a doctor being called in to give relief. The first case of yellow fever at Baton Rouge, the capital of the state, was reported Monday. The case was that of Willie Rivas, who lives on the outskirts of the city.

The following is the official report of the board of health:

Cases of yellow fever Monday 37, deaths 7. Total cases of yellow fever to date 365, deaths 100; recovered, 448; under treatment, 322.

FRANKLIN, La., Oct. 19.—Two cases of yellow fever have been reported here by Dr. Smith, president of the parish board of health. One of the patients is Miss Clara Crawford who is critically ill, the other is a little Portuguese girl who was living in a house adjoining that in which Calro died a few days ago.

THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Case of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company vs. the United States, Decides Against the Railroad Company.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The United States supreme court Monday rendered an opinion against the railroad company in the case of the Southern Pacific Railroad company vs. the United States brought here from the circuit court for the ninth circuit. The case involved about 700,000 acres of land in southern California and grew out of the fact that the forfeited land grant of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company was overlapped to some extent by lands claimed under government grant by the Southern Pacific. The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Co., originally claimed the lands in controversy and its original maps of location along the line of these lands were accepted by the land office but congress declared the lands forfeited and thereupon the Southern Pacific, whose grant overlapped that of the Atlantic and Pacific thereupon set up title to the lands. The circuit court, however, decided against the Southern Pacific and the supreme court Monday affirmed that decision so far as concerns the railway company but remanded to the lower court for decision the cases of about 200 persons who had purchased part of the lands from the railroad company.

The supreme court Monday advanced the argument of the Durrant murder case, brought here from San Francisco and set it for hearing November 15.

THREE MEN KILLED

By the Explosion of a Boiler of the Steamer G. B. Force, Near Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHARLESTON, Pa., Oct. 19.—Monday night, by the explosion of the boiler of the steamer G. B. Force, owned by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., the captain, James Ryan, and the cook, Wm. Patterson, were instantly killed. The body of Patterson was found late Monday night 600 yards across the river deeply buried in the sand and terribly mutilated. The body of the captain has not as yet been recovered. Chas. Crabb, engineer of the boat, escaped uninjured, but the balance of the crew were all badly scorched and bruised, but none dangerously hurt.

The explosion was so heavy that the earth trembled for more than a mile, windows were broken throughout the town, and for half a mile away, and houses were shaken as with an earthquake here, and as far away as lock No. 4, people ran into the streets to see what had happened, and people came into town to learn of the disaster.

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$27,910.91	Capital Stock.....\$200,000.00
Overdrafts.....7,578.19	Surplus Fund.....17,028.80
Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,984.07	Individual Deposits.....13,475.81
Due from National Banks.....41,601.95	Due from National Banks.....3,879.34
Real Estate.....5,583.00	Due from State Banks.....5,302.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....800.00	
Cash.....10,707.09	
Total.....\$102,105.01	Total.....\$102,105.01

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